

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Fluorinated Polymers and Methods for Fabricating the Same

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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Dear Examiner:

This communication is responsive to the Office Action mailed on July 22, 2008, concerning the above-referenced patent application and setting a shortened three-month period for reply.